

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 12 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

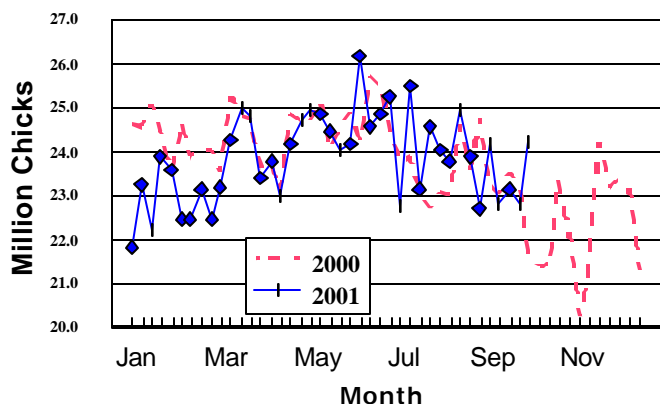
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending October 13, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 12 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and 6 percent above the revised previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through October 13, 2001 were 978.0 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.6 million, up 11 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and 1 percent above the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.9 percent.

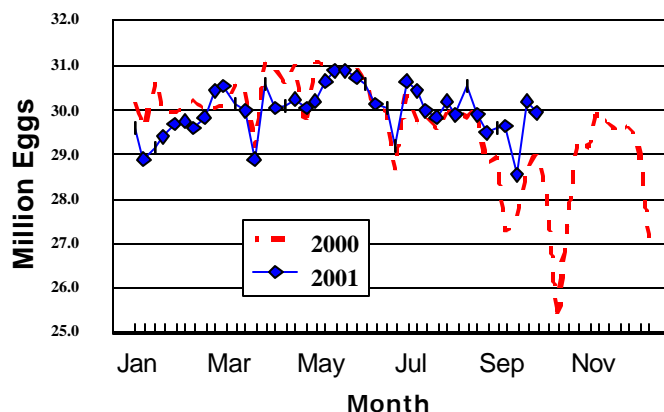
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 13, 2001, up 3 percent from the same period last year but 1 percent below the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sept. 8	24,751	22,693	92	24,525	24,665	101	28,807	29,469	102
Sept. 15	23,246	24,198	104	24,488	25,249	103	28,927	29,579	102
Sept. 22	23,080	22,834	99	24,656	24,739	100	27,272	29,665	109
Sept. 29	23,537	23,173	98	23,677	24,447	103	27,626	28,546	103
Oct. 6	23,143	22,832	99	23,825	24,395	102	28,699	30,178	105
Oct. 13	21,677	24,226	112	22,249	24,605	111	29,019	29,949	103

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending				1/	
STATE	22-Sep	29-Sep	06-Oct	13-Oct	%	08-Sep	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep	06-Oct	13-Oct	%
Alabama	27,106 *	28,758	29,344 *	27,781	102	23,089	22,553	21,915	21,560	21,545 *	21,044	107
ARKANSAS	29,665	28,546	30,178 *	29,949	103	22,693	24,198	22,834	23,173	22,832 *	24,226	112
Delaware	3,482	3,580	3,515 *	3,448	90	4,808	5,150	4,778	4,884	4,096 *	4,591	90
Florida	2,327	2,243	2,239	2,221	95	2,299	2,113	2,440	2,134	2,205	2,065	89
Georgia	29,954 *	30,947	32,076 *	31,304	107	25,324	25,349	25,561	25,210	25,457 *	24,041	107
Maryland	8,833	8,988	8,576	8,611	105	5,276	4,905	5,751	5,467	5,021 *	5,113	104
Mississippi	18,555 *	17,690	18,630 *	17,401	104	15,716	15,628	15,382	14,560	13,690 *	15,411	105
N. Carolina	17,737	17,218	16,664	16,545	101	13,984	14,139	13,364	13,138	12,926	14,955	112
Pennsylvania	3,714	3,749 *	3,724 *	3,478	111	2,741	2,810	2,661	2,629 *	2,631 *	2,824	111
S. Carolina	4,719	4,890	4,886	4,838	108	4,003	3,854	4,155	3,903	3,739	3,760	107
Texas	13,764 *	14,526	14,739	14,207	101	11,259	11,596	11,910 *	11,425	10,615	10,968	105
Virginia	6,421	6,189	5,731 *	6,247	103	5,699	5,996	5,235	5,005	4,779	5,057	100
CA TN & W VA	10,516	10,679 *	11,010 *	10,436	108	9,382	10,053	9,548	8,533 *	8,833 *	9,430	104
Total 2001	176,793 *	178,003 *	181,312 *	176,466		146,273	148,344	145,534 *	141,621 *	138,369 *	143,485	
Total 2000	167,926	175,075	175,328	170,272		144,511	142,827	140,916	136,863	136,083	134,917	
% PREV. YEAR	105	102	103	104		101	104	103	103	102	106	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001.....						27-Oct	03-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	24-Nov	01-Dec	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	5,553 *	5,351	5,572 *	4,892	- -	4,509	4,421	4,266	4,312	3,738 *	4,451	- -
*Oklahoma	6,384	6,174	6,088	6,137	- -	4,940	4,517	5,840	4,215	5,242	4,850	- -
*LA & MO	8,393	9,231	8,783	8,612	- -	9,536	8,580	8,419	9,175	8,666	7,788	- -
19 StateTotal	197,123 *	198,759 *	201,755 *	196,107		165,258	165,862	164,059 *	159,323 *	156,015 *	160,574	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 176 million eggs during the week ending October 13, 2001. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 6 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 13, 2001. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through October 13, 2001 were 6.02 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

NOTE: Beginning January 2, 2002, the Broiler Hatchery report will be available on the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service Home-Page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/> only. Please call 1-800-327-2970 if you do not have access to internet service and would like to continue receiving copies of the report by mail.

